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SUBJECT: CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT AND FOREIGN MINISTER
GENSCHER ANNOUNCE POSTPONEMENT OF TRIPS TO CHINA
AND MIDDLE EAST

REF: BONN 2754, BONN 3071

1. A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED FEBRUARY 28 THAT
BECAUSE OF HIS RECENT ILLNESS FEDERAL CHANCELLOR
SCHMIDT WOULD POSTPONE HIS VISIT TO CHINA, WHICH WAS
SCHEDULED FOR THE END OF MARCH. IT IS EXPECTED, HOW-
EVER, THAT THE CHANCELLOR WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE EC
SUMMIT MEETING IN DUBLIN MARCH 10-11.

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2. ACCORDING TO REPORTS FROM CAIRO MARCH 2, FOREIGN

MINISTER GENSCHER HAS POSTPONED HIS VISIT TO THE MIDDLE EAST SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 16-18 BECAUSE SECRETARY KISSINGER'S VISIT TO CAIRO WILL NOW TAKE PLACE DURING THE SAME PERIOD. THE FOREIGN OFFICE HAS CONFIRMED POSTPONEMENT OF THE GENSCHER VISIT AND IS SEEKING TO ARRANGE A VISIT IN APRIL.

3. THE CHANCELLOR PARTIALLY RESUMED WORK ON FEBRUARY 27 WHEN HE MET WITH VISITING ISRAELI FOREIGN MINISTER ALLON. HOWEVER, HIS HOPES TO RETURN TO HIS DUTIES GRADUALLY WERE DISRUPTED BY THE KIDNAPPING OF BERLIN CDU CANDIDATE LORENZ, AND HE WAS FORCED TO PARTICIPATE IN A HECTIC SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, SCHMIDT EXPECTS TO TAKE A RECUPERATIVE HOLIDAY DURING THE EASTER PERIOD.
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